

In re Application of: Malik et al.
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 65 are in this Application. Claims 1 – 6, 9, 10, 14 – 18, 23, 24, 35, 36, 38 – 40, 42 – 45, and 47 – 53, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 11, 31, 32, and 37, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 7, 8, 19 – 22, 25 – 39, 41, and 43 – 57, have been canceled herewith. Claims 1 and 40 have been amended herewith. New claims 59 - 65 have been added herewith.

Amendments To The Claims

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner states that claims 1 – 6, 9, 10, 14 – 18, 23, 24, 35, 36, 38 – 40, 42 – 45, and 47 – 53, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wacker et al (US 5,938,079).

- a. The Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 40 to include the limitations introduced by claims 7 and 41, respectively, as per the Examiner's recommendation regarding Allowable Subject Matter. Consequently, claims 7 and 41 have been cancelled.
- b. Claims 35, 36, 38, 39, 43 – 45, and 47 – 53 were cancelled herewith.
- c. Regarding claims 2 – 6, 9, 10, 14 – 18, 23, and 24, these claims are depending from independent claim 1.
- d. Regarding claim 42, this claim is depending from independent claim 40.

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The Applicant therefore respectfully requests from the Examiner to allow amended independent claims 1 and 40, and dependent claims 2 – 6, 9, 10, 14 – 18, 23, 24, and 42.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner states that claims 11, 31, 32, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wacker et al (US 5,938,079) in view of Chimura (US 3,451,347).

- a. Regarding claim 11, this claim is depending from amended claim 1.
- b. Claims 31, 32, and 37 were cancelled herewith.

The Applicant therefore respectfully requests from the Examiner to allow dependent claim 11.

New Claims

The Applicant has added new claims 59 – 65.

- a. Regarding new claim 59, the claim includes original claim 1 rewritten to include the limitation of original claim 8 (cancelled herein) as per the Examiner's recommendation regarding Allowable Subject Matter.

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- b. Regarding new claim 60, the claim includes original claim 1 rewritten to include the limitation of original claim 12 (cancelled herein) and intervening original claim 9, as per the Examiner's recommendation regarding Allowable Subject Matter.
- c. Regarding new claim 61, the claim includes original claim 1 rewritten to include the limitation of original claim 12 (cancelled herein) and intervening original claim 9, as per the Examiner's recommendation regarding Allowable Subject Matter.
- d. Regarding new claim 62, the claim includes original claim 1 rewritten to include the limitation of original claim 19 (cancelled herein) and intervening original claim 19, as per the Examiner's recommendation regarding Allowable Subject Matter.
- e. Regarding new claims 63 – 65, the claims include the limitations of original claims 20 – 22, respectively, and are introduced for possibly limiting the scope of new independent claim 62.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 6, 9 - 11, 14 – 18, 23, 24, 40, 42, and 58 - 65 are now in condition for allowance. A prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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